

Department of English & Writing Studies

Paradise Lost
English 3321F (001)
Fall 2017**Instructor:** John Leonard**Course Date/Time:** Monday 2.30-3.20 pm
Wednesday 1.30-3.20 pm**Course Location:** PAB 117**Antirequisite(s):** English 3224E, 3228F/G.**Prerequisite(s):** At least 60% in 1.0 of English 1020E or 1022E or 1024E or 1035E or 1036E or 1042E or 1042E or both of English 1027F/G and 1028F/G, or permission of the Department.

Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

Course Objectives:

By the end of the course, successful students will be able to:

- Develop an appreciation of Paradise Lost that unites historical observation and literary analysis. Emphasis will be placed on style, genre (the epic), and interpretative issues;
- Hone analytical and critical skills in both oral and written work;
- Develop confidence and competence in research practice.

Course Materials

Any good annotated edition of Paradise Lost is acceptable. The bookstore has copies of my Penguin edition (2000).

Methods of Evaluation

The grade for the course will be arrived at as follows:

Short Essay	1000 words	20%
Long Essay	1750-2000 words	35%
Participation		10%
Final Exam		35%

This class meets twice a week. Students should come to lecture prepared to participate in group discussion: read the assigned portions of the text in advance of class, and always bring the right text(s) to class with you.

A student must receive a passing grade for both term work and the final examination in order to receive a passing grade for the course. This applies to all courses in all programs offered by the department. Students whose term and final exam grades average 50% or above, even though one of the two is a failure, shall receive a default grade of 48%. **Please note:** The department of English & Writing Studies does not release final grades. All undergraduate grade reports will be available online from the Office of the Registrar.

Students are fully responsible for looking at and being familiar with the information posted on the department website at <http://www.uwo.ca/english/undergraduate/Student%20Information.html>.

Timetable:

SEPTEMBER

- 11 Introduction
- 13 Milton's Epic Universe

- 18 Book I Milton's Epic Style
- 20 Book I Satan and Epic Heroism

- 25 Book II Debate in Hell
- 27 Book II Debate (cont'd), Sin, Death, Chaos

OCTOBER

- 2 Book III Invocation and Council in Heaven
- 4 Book III Satan's Journey. Epic Similes. Satan in Paradise

- 9 THANKSGIVING
- 11 STUDY WEEK

- 16 Book IV Adam and Eve in the state of innocence Short Essay Due
- 18 Book V Eve's Dream

- 23 Books V Entertaining Raphael
- 25 Books V and VI Satan's Revolt

- 30 Book VII Invocation and Creation

NOVEMBER

- 1 Book VIII Astronomy and Adam's first memories

- 6 Book IX Induction and Satan's fourth soliloquy (9.99-178)
- 8 Book IX Argument about Working Separately and Eve's Fall

- 13 Book IX Eve's Fall (continued): Satan as con-man
- 15 Book IX Adam's Fall

- 20 Book IX Similes and Style Long Essay Due
- 22 Book X Judgment and Satan's Triumph

- 27 Book X Adam's Lament
- 29 Books XI and XII "an unstransmuted lump"?

DECEMBER

- 4 Conclusions
- 6 We'll wait and see

Additional Information

Regular attendance is expected and will inevitably have an influence on participation grades (since if you do not attend class, it will be very difficult to participate). Laptops are permitted if there is an academic need for them (they can be useful for quickly accessing material relevant to the course), but Facebook and texting in class will not be tolerated. Sorry to have to say this. It should never need to be said, but I have learned from experience that it does need to be said.

Late Paper Policy: Late assignments. If you submit a paper after the due date but within two weeks of it, the paper will be counted as late and the following procedures will apply:

- The paper will not be read until all the assignments handed in on time have been read and returned (all papers are read in order of receipt).
- The paper will be read and a grade given, but **NO COMMENTS OR CORRECTIONS** will be made on it.
- The grade will be reduced by a penalty of two marks (2%) for each calendar day that it is late.

Note that when a paper is late, every day counts (including weekends); however the arrangements for date-stamping essays in the Department of English essay box are accepted for late essays.

PAPERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF SUBMITTED MORE THAN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE DUE DATE UNLESS PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE.

Accommodation

Students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds for any missed tests, exams, participation components and/or assignments worth 10% or more of their final grade must apply to the Academic Counselling office of their home Faculty and provide documentation. Academic accommodation cannot be granted by the instructor or department. Documentation shall be submitted, as soon as possible, to the Office of the Dean of the student's Faculty of registration, together with a request for relief specifying the nature of the accommodation being requested. The UWO Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness and further information regarding this policy can be found at http://uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_medical.pdf.

Downloadable Student Medical Certificate (SMC):

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf

Academic Offences

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf

Plagiarism:

Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea or passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offence.

Plagiarism Checking:

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com <http://www.turnitin.com>.

All instances of plagiarism will be reported to the Chair of Undergraduate Studies. Proven cases of plagiarism will result in a grade of zero for the assignment. Subsequent offences will result in failure for the course.

Support Services

Registrarial Services <http://www.registrar.uwo.ca>

Student Support Services <https://student.uwo.ca/psp/heprdweb/?cmd=login>

Services provided by the USC <http://westernusc.ca/services/>

Student Development Centre <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/>

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to MentalHealth@Western:
<http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/> for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.